

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 21 and 37 have been amended by this Amendment. Claim 30 has been cancelled. Claims 21-29, 31-65 and 67-68 are currently pending in this application and are at issue herein.

The Examiner has objected to claim 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has indicated that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 21 to incorporate the limitations of claim 30. As such, independent claim 21 is essentially claim 30 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claim 21 is allowable.

Similarly, independent claim 37 has also been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 30. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claim 37 is also allowable for the same reasons as independent claim 21.


Dependent claims 22-29, 31-36, 38-65 and 67-68 depend cognately from either independent claim 21 or 37. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims 21-29, 31-65 and 67-68 are now in allowable form.

Allowance of all pending claims 21-29, 31-65 and 67-68 and passage to issue are hereby respectfully requested. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

It is believed that this Amendment requires no fee. However, if a fee is required for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-4800 the necessary amount.

Should any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below to advance prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan H. Opalko', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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